



Canterbury Tales

Where learning is innovative, inclusive and supportive

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TERM 4 WEEK 1

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back Staff, Students and Parents to another exciting school term at Canterbury Boys High School. Term 4 is an interesting term at Canterbury Boys. Our Year 11 and 12 students will be sitting their HSC. We have all year groups starting a new academic year at the start of week 6 and if everything goes to plan, we will be celebrating a busy year with our traditional Cantervale celebrations at the back end of week 5.



I would like to start this edition reflecting on the achievements we have made over the past two years, which includes but is not limited to;

1. Increased standard of enrolment at Canterbury Boys High School.
2. Introduced a High Expectation Policy that all students sign at the start of the year
3. Raised expectations of the learning in every classroom.
4. Reconnected with proud traditions of our school and alumni.
5. Engaged with our community through social media, re-establishing a vibrant P&C and creating the COVID-19 Council.
6. Developed and introduced an Enrichment Program for high potential students in 2021.
7. Reconnected with Canterbury Girls HS that will lead to strong academic and creative partnerships over the coming years.
8. Publishing a fortnightly newsletter, updating our school community with the amazing achievements of our students and staff.





We are all working hard to establish a culture of excellence in the classroom where high expectations are expected and challenges are celebrated. We are a school that celebrates and supports the serious learner.

Recently our Year 9 students competed in the Australian Geography Competition. The Australian Geography Competition is a contest for Australian secondary school students, assessing their geographical knowledge and skills. The Competition aims to encourage student interest in Geography and to reward student excellence. I am very proud to report that two Year 9 boys, achieved the result of Distinction and will subsequently receive a Principal's Award for their effort. Well done to all students for their efforts in this competition.

As a school we are constantly looking at different ways we can improve our facilities and provide the boys with engaging activities during recess and lunch. Recently I asked the student's if they would like outdoor table tennis tables installed. The response was overwhelming with 97% of student's voting yes. Unfortunately due to demand we will not have them till the start of 2021.



Finally, I would like to wish all the boys who will be sitting exams in the 2020 HSC the very best of luck. I know your teachers have all worked very hard to give you every opportunity to succeed. The ball is now well and truly in your court.

GOOD LUCK

**with your
HSC exams
Year 12!**



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



College milestones

Last lessons for our College students were held this week – a significant milestone. It was great to see students making the most of every learning opportunity. A number of students (and teachers of course!) also attended extra study classes during the break.

There are many resources to help students look after themselves during the HSC including study tips, ideas for staying motivated and up-to-date advice on COVID and the HSC at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/student-wellbeing/stay-healthy-HSC>

There are some strict requirements for the organisation of this year's HSC due to COVID. We've discussed these with students last term and reinforced them again this week. Information was also sent home last term. Students should contact their year advisor if they have any questions about this.

Blitz on Writing program

Year 10 have begun a five week **Blitz on Writing** program in preparation for the academic requirements of HSC courses. Each week, every class will focus on the same aspect of writing through a variety of activities, to help develop and consolidate key writing skills they will need for success.

Year 10 Blitz on Writing
Intensive academic writing focus Weeks 1 – 5 Term 4



The expectation is that all Year 10 students will participate fully in this valuable preparation for the next stage in their learning journey.

Accelerated Reader for Year 7 & 8

Has your son completed any AR quizzes yet? We've been impressed with the level of enthusiasm evident, with many students making great progress towards their individual reading targets. Each book read and each successful quiz taken earns 'points' towards the targets. There are also great rewards for the class making the most reading progress.

Parents, please encourage your son to participate, including checking he has his book in his school bag each day.

You may have seen our first 'Million word man' being awarded to Neel G on our Facebook page. This is an impressive achievement!

Parent teacher online meetings

This term we'll be holding our Parent Teacher interviews for Years 7 to 10 via Zoom on 10 November, in Week 5.

The meetings will happen just before the school 'rolls-over' into 2021 courses in Week 6 – meaning our current Year 7 students will start their Year 8 classes; current Year 8 classes will start their 2021 Year 9 classes and so on.

Please put the date in your diary. Details about the arrangements will be provided closer to the date.

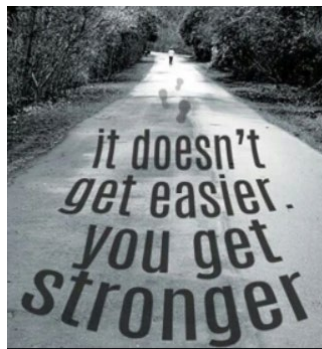
Year advisors

Each year group has a dedicated year advisor who supports the wellbeing of all students in the grade. Year advisors are an important link between school and home: They are often the first point of contact to discuss overall progress, welfare, answer questions or direct you to the best person to answer your questions.

Attendance is crucial for success

Every school day a child shows up is another day of learning and developing new skills. Each school day they miss leaves a gap in their learning.

Caitlin Dwyer
Deputy Principal



Advice for parents about children's social media use

The following advice for parents assists in limiting students' exposure to harmful online content:

- ☑ Engage in your child's online activity and discuss the types of apps, websites and games they are viewing to ensure content is age-appropriate
- ☑ Make use of parental control on devices to help limit your child's online exposure
- ☑ Help your child report and block inappropriate content on social media or apps
- ☑ Encourage your child to talk to you about what they view online
- ☑ Visit www.esafety.gov.au for further advice on apps, social media and online safety issues



School Travel Applications are now open for 2021

Applications for student travel in 2021 open from Monday 12 October 2020.

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass for 2021 can now [apply](#) online. A new application should be submitted if a student is applying for a school travel pass for the first time or requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).



Students who have changed school/campus, changed address, repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [re-apply or update their details](#).

**Applications must be completed by the student's parent or legal guardian if the student is aged under 16 years. Students 16 years and over must complete the application form themselves.*

Where there is a change of distance eligibility based on a student's grade, the system will automatically update a student's entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

If a student needs to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

Applications need to be submitted before **31 December 2020** to ensure that current student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card remains valid. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2020, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2021.

New Concession Entitlement Cards

Transport for NSW will be replacing the below cards with Transport Concession Entitlement Cards (TCEC) from October 2020:

- Senior Secondary Student Concession Card (16 years and over) – also used by Mature Secondary Students (18 years and over).
- Proof of Age card (when a student under 16 years of age looks older).

All previous cards will be valid until they expire. Students who require a Transport Concession Entitlement Card should speak with their school administration staff.

Enquiries regarding school student travel can be submitted to Transport for NSW at: <https://transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback>



SCIENCE FACULTY

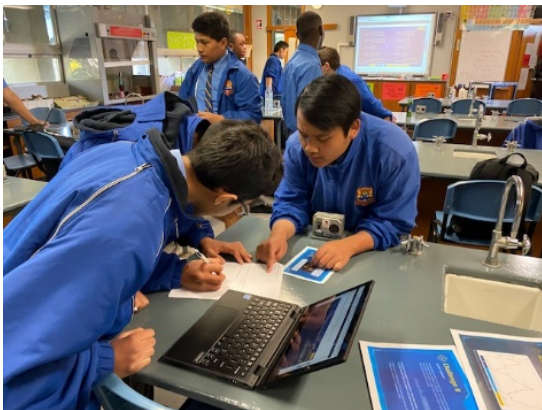
A lot happened in Science last term.

As part of a Department initiative, the students had access to two online learning platforms. For Years 7-10 we used STILE and for our Biology and Chemistry students – EDROLO. The students enjoyed the variety of learning options provided by the two platforms.

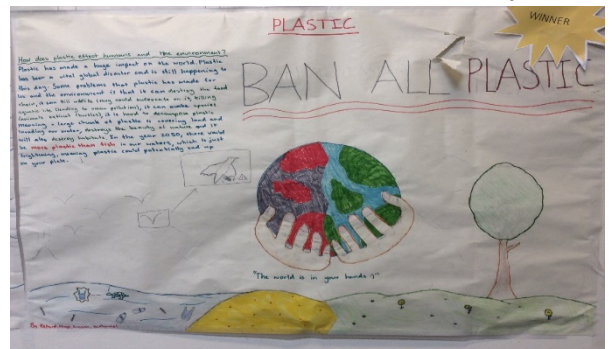


Science Week 2020 – Deep Blue

This year's theme for Science Week was 'Deep Blue' innovation in our oceans. The faculty chose to focus on the theme of plastic in our oceans and our intern, James Ding, developed a week long program for Years 7-10 that explored our use of plastics and its impact on our oceans.



The week culminated in an Escape Room adventure and Science Poster competition. The feedback from students was very positive with over 80% enjoying the week long activities.





A visual diary of the past term in Science



College Biology - Explaining Protein Synthesis



Our newest resource - a Rubens Tube – sound and light show



Kitchen Chemistry - the science of marshmallow



Year 8 burning copper carbonate to demonstrate their knowledge of chemical reactions. Experiments are carried out regularly in all classes to gauge student knowledge and allow them to form their own opinions based on observation.



College Chemistry - Heat of Reaction



College Biology - Cow's Eye Dissection

This term we are looking forward to more investigation, observation and curiosity.

Ms Shuhevych



SECRETARY'S AWARD FOR AN OUTSTANDING SCHOOL INITIATIVE - AND THE WINNER IS

The Wellbeing Wednesday program was developed and implemented to support teachers, students and parents who were finding remote learning during COVID-19 a difficult, stressful and anxious time. The school, in partnership with our community, developed a program where the focus was on the person's social, emotional and physical health. We developed activities that addressed these areas, whilst at the same time, allowed for real life applications of skills learnt at school. The program was so successful that it continued when students came back to school full time.

School wins reward for Covid busting initiative

AN outstanding Inner West high school has been recognised with a 2020 NSW Minister's and Secretary's Awards for Excellence for implementing a strategy to tackle isolation during learning from home during lockdown.

Winning the Secretary's Award for an Outstanding School Initiative, Canterbury Boys High introduced 'Well-being Wednesday' as a way to relieve the stress of online learning.

Principal Ross Dummett said families were encouraged to engage in pursuits together other than study to increase their connection.

"They were doing activities like board games, cooking, walking the dog, writing in their reflection journals, exercising together or working on projects," Mr Dummett said.

"One grandfather helped a boy repair his skateboard, for example, and we had so many reports back from families about the day strengthening bonds and with no arguments about not studying.

"It has been a very successful initiative."



□ Canterbury Boys High School Principal Ross Dummett with students Arshad Permama (from left), Ethan Arena and Jemesa Narawa and their 2020 NSW Secretary's Award for Excellence.



Do you have a question for the Principal?

Is there anything you want to know?

Please email the school and we will publish all questions and answers in the newsletter, for all parents and guardians to read.

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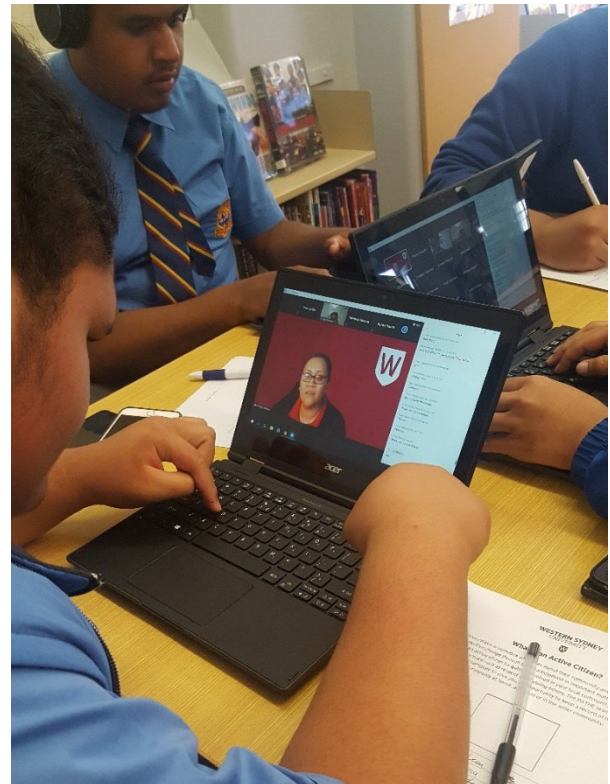


Our Year 7 – 10 students from Pacific communities participated in a Zoom workshop delivered by the PATHE (Pacifika Achievement ToHigher Education) Team at Western Sydney University. The PATHE program aims to develop student aspirations towards further education and training through school mentoring workshops and university visits.

The Zoom workshops focused on students identifying their personal strengths, interests, values, and achievements in relation to future career goals. Students engaged in career research and learnt about the various courses available at University as well as the different pathways available post-school.

PATHE mentors engaged students in discussion about what it means to be an active citizen at school or in the wider community to bring about positive change. Students also discussed the importance of traditional hand-made mats used in Pacific culture, and were given the task of designing their own Pacific mats representing values important to them.





NEW- YourCareer Website

The Federal Government has released a new career search website
wwwYourCareer.gov.au

This website contains a range of resources to help young people navigate their education, training and career options. Students can research occupations, undertake a careers quiz to help match them to suitable careers, discover jobs in demand, learn about financial support, apprenticeships and traineeships and prepare their resume.

For students leaving school in 2020, another worthwhile initiative, **School Leavers Information Service** is available which assists school leavers to navigate the changed labour market as a result of COVID-19, and receive support to inform their decisions about post school pathways.

The School Leavers Information Service can be accessed by calling **1800 CAREER** or **1800 227 337** and will commence operation from 1 October 2020. Students can also receive a personalised career guidance session over the phone with a qualified Careers Practitioner for up to 45 minutes.